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SUBJECT: UNC REPORT TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. IN LIGHT OF U.S. BASIC OBJECTIVE TO MINIMIZE EXTENT OF POSSIBLE RISK OF MAJOR CONFRONTATION AT UNGA THIS FALL BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO REINITIATE UN COMMAND REPORTS THIS YEAR.
2. REPORTS SUBMITTED BETWEEN 1967 AND 1970 WERE RESPONSE TO MAJOR NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATION COMPAGN. PRIOR TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT TIME UNC REPORTS HAD BEEN SPORADIC RELATING TO

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS (EXCEPTION WAS WAR AND POST-WAR PERIOD BETWEEN 1950 AND 1954 WHEN LARGE NUMBER OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED).

3. BY 1971 NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATION EFFORT WAS DECLINING. THIS CIRCUMSTANCE COUPLED WITH DESIRE NOT TO PROVIDE ANY UNNECESSARILY CONTENTIOUS REMINDERS OF UN PRESENCE WHEN WE WERE SEEKING POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE WERE REASONS FOR NOT SUBMITTING REPORTS IN 1971 AND 1972 ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE ISSUE.

4. IN ABSENCE OF NORTH KOREAN RENEWAL OF HIGH LEVEL INFILTRATION CAMPAIGN OR OF ANY MAJOR INCIDENT SUCH AS BLUE HOUSE RAID OR ULCHIN LANDINGS IN 1968 BELIEVE SAME REASONING VALID WHEN WE APPROACHING UNGA SESSION WHERE UN COMMAND MAY BE FOCUS OF ATTENTION.

5. SINCE WORDING OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHING UNIFIED COMMAND AND ACTUAL HISTORY OF REPORTING BY UNC MAKES CLEAR U.S. IS FREE TO REPORT AS IT SEES FIT, RECOMMEND UNC PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO WASHINGTON DRAFT REPORT ACCORDING TO PAST FORMAT FOR USE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS. DECISION ON SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS AND ASSESSMENT THAT IT WOULD MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR POSITION IN UNGA DEBATE.

6. TIMING OF CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA UNCERTAIN. SUGGEST SUBMISSION OF DRAFT REPORT BY OCTOBER 15. RUSH

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